



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

***Department of
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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVE AMENDMENT OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF
PESTICIDE PERMIT REGULATIONS
(ALL DISTRICT) (3-VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Instruct the Chairman to sign the amendment to Agreement 030077 with the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) which adds \$29,009 in funding for the continuation of the Pesticide Permit Regulation Program for the period of July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004.
2. Authorize the Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures to amend this contract in an amount not to exceed 10% of the total.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The use of specific pesticides, including those that are highly toxic, is regulated by a restricted material permit system authorized by Sections 14004, 14006, and 14006.5 of the California Food and Agriculture Code.

The Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures Department (ACWM) has the responsibility for enforcing the restricted material permit regulations in our County. The ACWM receives more than 5,200 notices of intent to apply restricted pesticides annually, along with the required pre-application site inspections. The ACWM issued 602 permits during the previous fiscal year for the use of restricted pesticides by growers and non-agricultural users, and has negotiated the attached agreement with DPR to enforce the permit regulations.

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Approval of this amendment will allow the ACWM to continue the issuance of use and possession permits, monitor the application of restricted materials, and serve to protect the residents, farm workers, crops, and the environment of our County.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

This agreement supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence. The purpose of the Restricted Material Permit process is to review the legality of the proposed application (e.g., proper registration), audit the effects of the application on the environment, and either require the user to mitigate adverse effects or require alternatives which ensure public health safety and environmental protection. Effective review, control, and enforcement fulfill the Department's mission to protect our County's public health and environment from improper and illegal use of pesticides.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

This amended agreement will add \$29,009 to the current agreement amount of \$113,775 approved by your Board on September 2, 2003, for a new total of \$142,784.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/ LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner is required by Sections 14004, 14006, and 14006.5 of the California Food and Agricultural Code to issue permits to qualified applicants for the use of restricted pesticides.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

County Counsel has approved the State of California Standard Agreement Amendment as to form. When approved, please return to this Department the five (5) signed copies along with the minute order authorizing the Chairman to sign. My Department will forward the documents to the California Department of Pesticide Regulation, Contracts Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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Agricultural Commissioner/
Director of Weights & Measures

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c: CAO, Deputies, County Counsel, CAO Analyst, Executive Office